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**Subject:** RE: IRT Notice of 30 day Amendment Comment Period: Petersen Ranch MB - BEI Amendment to Allow Use of the Combined STD 213/CPA

I think having a brief IRT only meeting to discuss the monitoring results is a good idea. My initial take is below.

I'm ok with the switch to the Episodic CRAM Module for the ephemeral streams. They are probably not going to meet their CRAM targets in the ephemeral streams using the Riverine Module. We expect ephemeral streams to score lower using the Riverine Module (designed for perennial streams), that is why the episodic module was developed. The Episodic Module appropriately scores ephemeral washes based on the expected vegetation and physical characteristics of those streams.

I think I'm ok with them missing their 20% native cover performance standard for Peterson Stream Restoration site for the following reasons. First, they documented a recent deposition event that buried vegetation (though I wish they had documented the extent of this burial). Second, they recorded 18.4% cover and the performance standard was 20% cover, so they didn't miss by much. Third, the site had been performing fine in previous years. However, I am not ok with using fall monitoring for the cover performance standard but the spring data for everything else. Instead, they should just consistently monitor in early summer so we have comparable data. But I'd like to discuss this more with the IRT before giving them a final answer.

I do have concerns about the Area E site that I think need more discussion. However, Area E isn't included in their credit release request, so I think we can wait for that discussion until we get their adaptive management plan.

I did not review the credit sale in detail, but can if others have questions.

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Hi Janice,

I agree with you. They should explain that they did not meet the performance standards for A, B, C so they did X,Y,Z to make that happen. As for the recent stuff that was submitted, I have not reviewed that yet.

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EXTERNAL:

Hi everyone

Id like to talk with the IRT about a couple things and would like to know if you think its worth setting up a call. I know they are asking for a quick turnaround and I have some questions.

Credit release request-

It appears they are relying on methodologies that differ from the requirement (October survey results) to be able to meet the goals. Also wondered if they used a different CRAM "model" to be able to meet those perf standards. This may be the way CRAM works I am clueless about that. Their draft letter simply states that they have met their performance standards. I think they should say they did not meet the perf standards for A, B, C so they did X,Y,Z and then did meet the goals and ask us if that I acceptable.

Recent credit sale-

they had a sale recently and I still have not reviewed it. We asked them to provide additional information with the credit sales so we could track them better. Did anyone look at what they provided?

Thanks Janice

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Hi Shannon,

The Water Board has no comments and is ok with waiving the 30-day comment period.

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EXTERNAL:

Hi Shannon,

EPA has no comments and is ok with waiving the 30-day comment period if the other IRT members agree.

Thanks,  
Melissa

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Hello IRT members,

Please see the attached amendment (Amendment No.1) request received from the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank sponsor. The Corps has determined use of the streamlined review process described in 33 C.F.R. 332.8(g)(2) is appropriate as the use of STD 213/CPA is not a significant change. Per the 2008 Mitigation Rule, the 30-day IRT comment period for this proposed amendment, (technically beginning on December 21st), is through January 18, 2021. Please provide your written agency comments (including via email), or respond that you have no comments, or that you are waiving the 30-day comment period.

All the best and happy holidays,

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Dear Petersen Ranch IRT,

Pursuant to Section XII.D.1 of the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank Enabling Instrument ("BEI"), Land Veritas Corp is requesting Exhibit F-2, Credit Purchase Agreement and Payment Receipt Templates, of the BEI be amended to include an additional template Credit Purchase Agreement, and that language be added to the BEI allowing additional templates to Exhibit F-2 of the BEI be included upon written approval of all interagency review team members to provide greater flexibility and reduce time and effort should the need arise to create further templates (i.e., future templates associated with advance/bulk credit purchase). A copy of the proposed amendment is attached for your review.

It has come to our attention that the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") is not able to execute the Credit Purchase Agreement Template currently appended in Exhibit F-2 of the BEI to purchase credits from the Corps-approved BEI. The proposed amendment includes using both the Credit Purchase Agreement, as required by the BEI, and the State of California-Department of General Services ("DGS") Standard Agreement 213 (STD 213), as required by DGS for Caltrans use in purchasing credits for Caltrans transportation projects that have been assigned a permit number. Please note the fully executed Credit Purchase Agreement would be attached to the fully executed STD 213, which includes language that the terms of the Credit Purchase Agreement control if there is a conflict between the two.

Sincerely,  
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